HTA NOTES

For all C-REC applications that involve HTA-regulated procedures (that is, anything involving taking bloods, saliva, urine or any other samples which contain cells), the applicants should incorporate into their applications the Standard Operating Procedures for collection of samples, risk assessment, and informed consent. This includes a SEPARATE consent form for the samples, which is compliant with the HTA regulations – these forms can all be seen on the HTA website (Life Sciences school pages: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/lifesci/internal/servicesandsupport/ethics/humantissue)- the individuals need to complete an HTA training session with Majid Hafezparast (Life Sciences), Nadia Lovegrove/Lisa Woodbine/Heather Fawcett (Genome), Daniel Campbell-Meiklejohn (Psychology). This is a requirement before sample collection begins.

Human Tissue from NHS clinicians:
The MTAs are dealt with by the legal teams. For the University it is done by the Contracts team (Anna Saunders: A.C.Saunders@sussex.ac.uk).

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If Samples are from a collaboration with NHS clinicians, the MTA, IRAS (formerly NRES) approvals (University Ethics Committee approval is NOT sufficient), copies of completed HTA relevant risk assessment forms should be sent to the Ethics Committee with the application for approval.

For all projects, storage of tissue must be in HTA designated locked fridge/freezers or cabinets. Each use/fate of the tissue must be recorded in the relevant HTA database (Life Sciences, Genome, or Psychology).